

Guidance and Counseling Services

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Our Vision: That every school will have fully implemented Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Programs that advance the academic, career and personal/social development of all students.

Our Mission: To work collaboratively with Professional School Counselors, the Missouri School Counselor Association, Counselor Educators and all stakeholders to develop and provide the leadership, resources and professional development necessary to support professional school counselors in their efforts to fully implement their comprehensive guidance and counseling programs.

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Announcements

Resources and information provided in the Guidance Digest are for communication purposes only. Listing these resources and information does not constitute endorsement by either the Guidance and Counseling Services Section or the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Counselor Evaluation Workshops - Thank you!

The Spring Guidance System of Support Workshops addressing the DESE pilot school counselor growth plan and evaluation process have been very successful and informative. Feedback has been meaningful and appreciated as the revision process continues. Please continue to provide feedback to Tom Schlimpert as you work through the process. This is a learning experience for us all!

New Counselor Institute (NCI)

Registration for the [New Counselor Institute](#) (NCI) is now open. NCI 2015 will be held at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City on July 12-15, 2015. NCI is designed for those entering school counseling positions with:

- A Temporary Authorization Certificate
- An Alternative Certification with zero or one year of school counseling experience
- Recent graduation from a school counseling masters program and no counseling experience
- No public school experience

National School Principals Day

May 1, 2015 is designated as National School Principals Day. Be sure to let your principal know how much you appreciate them supporting your efforts to help students through your comprehensive guidance and counseling program!

Counselors Needed

Educational Testing Service (ETS) and DESE have been working together with School Counselors and preparation faculty in the development of a **Missouri School Counselor Performance Assessment**. The next step in the development process is to convey a training/scoring session that includes representation from across the state by both School Counselors and faculty that prepare them. The session will occur Monday May 18th through Friday the 22nd in Columbia Missouri. ETS will take care of lodging, meals and your mileage to get to/from the session. Contact Ethan Taylor at etaylor@ets.org or 609-683-2962.

Second Public Hearing on Education Standards Scheduled

A public hearing on the progress of education standards work groups under HB 1490 is scheduled for Monday, April 20, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 pm. The hearing will be held in the State Board of Education meeting room on the first floor of the Jefferson Building, 205 Jefferson St., Jefferson City, Mo.
<http://goo.gl/nVr2a>

Get Energized - MSCA Fall Conference 2015

Check out the fun video promoting the MSCA 2015 Fall Conference!
<https://drive.google.com/a/aurorar8.org/file/d/0B8PIN0gFSh7bSjJyWUxxckVIZnc/view?usp=sharing>

Guidance Digest Distribution System

Tell your friends to personally register to receive the Guidance Digest at [Guidance Digest](#)

Breaking Traditions Awards Ceremony

The Breaking Traditions Award Ceremony and Reception will be held from 1:00-3:00 on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at the James C. Kirkpatrick Building located at 600 West Main in Jefferson City. Contact your regional College and Career Consultant for details.

Program Components

CURRICULUM

Guidance Curriculum

Guidance GLE's and the high quality K-12 unit and lesson plans are found at [Guidance Curriculum](#)

[Missouri Connections](#) has career focused lesson plans for a variety of subject areas as well as career development lessons and activities for grades 6-12. Log in and use these resources!

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PLANNING

Ozark Technical Community College (OTC)

Did you know that OTC is the third largest community college in Missouri with more than 15,000 students? With multiple campuses in Southwest Missouri, OTC offers a wide array of technical courses, certifications and associate degrees. Check out this viable post-secondary option at <http://www.otc.edu/home.php>

Department of Higher Education Resources

Exploring My (College) Options: <http://dhe.mo.gov/ppc/exploringmyoptions.php> (Lots of information!)
College Navigator: <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/> (similar to Missouri Connections School Search)

Study finds positive jobs forecast for college graduates

According to a recent study, postsecondary education and training is in demand in the modern workforce. Researchers found that jobs for which employers generally hire individuals with college degrees have increased, creating more demand for college-educated workers. [Bloomberg](#)

Missouri Connections

Extensive resources and links to occupations, post-secondary school and financial information are provided on the front page and inside Missouri Connections. Check out the *College, Training* and *Careers* tabs at the bottom of the front page as well as the *Application Tracker* and *Resume Builder* located inside the system under portfolios. For more information, contact Jackie Coleman at jcoleman@motrainer.com or 573-634-0043 or Tom Schlimpert.

Speakers Available

The Missouri Department of Higher Education provides speaking services on financial aid and education-related topics. [speaking engagements](#)

\$2,500 Scholarships to High School Juniors

The Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Missouri & Southern Illinois encourages high school juniors in our service area to apply for a BBB Student of Ethics Scholarship. Winners will personify high ethics demonstrated through leadership, community service, overall personal integrity, and academic history.

Four students will be selected by an independent panel of judges to receive scholarships of \$2,500 each, sent on their behalf to any accredited college or trade school of their choice.

Judges will select the scholarship recipients based on their leadership, contributions to their communities and schools, personal integrity, academic accomplishments, letter of reference and written essay.

Click [here](#) for more information on how to apply online.

RESPONSIVE SERVICES

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Missouri Prevention Partners is a great resource for child abuse prevention and family strengthening resources. Check out their information and the links at the bottom of this flyer

<http://missourikidsfirst.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/MPP-flier-1-14.pdf>

ACT Missouri is a private not-for-profit corporation that promotes drug and alcohol awareness throughout Missouri. See their "Pubs" at the top of the website. <http://www.actmissouri.org/>

SYSTEM SUPPORT

Statewide ACT Test Administration

As districts prepare for the upcoming ACT statewide assessment on April 28, students will fill out select items of the non-test portion of the ACT answer document. See Administrative Memo LS-15-004:

<http://dese.mo.gov/administrative-memos> See [ACT State-Wide Assessment](#) for additional details. If you have questions, please contact DESE Assessment at 573-751-3545 or assessment@dese.mo.gov.

Opting Out of State Testing

- Missouri does not have an opt-out provision from state and federally mandated assessments. Missouri school districts are compelled by state and federal law to assess students enrolled in public school districts.
- State law (RSMo. 160.518) compels the State Board of Education and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to annually measure “by grade level a student’s knowledge of academic subjects.”
- Federal education law (PART A – Subpart 1 – Section 1111(b)(2)(I)(ii)) requires that states and school districts test 95 percent of students on year-end tests in grades 3-8 and for end-of-course tests in high school.
- Questions regarding district testing policies and compliance should be directed to administration.

Graduation Requirements for Students in Missouri Public Schools

The State Board of Education has approved an update to the publication Graduation Requirements for Students in Missouri Public Schools, commonly referred to as the Graduation Handbook. For more information please see Administrative Memo QS-15-007: <http://dese.mo.gov/administrative-memos>

If you have questions regarding the updated Graduation Requirements for Students in Missouri Public Schools, please contact [Doug Sutton](#) at (573) 526-2466.

Parent Guide to 504's

<http://www.greatschools.org/special-education/legal-rights/868-section-504.gs?page=all>

Missouri Learning Standards

DESE has provided a newsletter about the new Missouri Learning Standards, current testing information, including Why Are Students Assessed? [Missouri Learning Standards Newsletter](#)

Family, School and Community Engagement

The U.S. Department of Education provides a long list of resources which includes contact information for Family Engagement Outreach Teams in Kansas City.

Conferences and Professional Development Opportunities

Meet the professionals who say, "I Build."

April 14, 2015 For more information visit their website: <http://nice-kc.com/>.

School Counseling Camp

June 2-3, 2015, Sponsored by Kansas State University at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, Manhattan, Kansas for practicing and aspiring counselors. For more information visit their website: <http://coe.k-state.edu/events/school-counsel-camp.html>

Transition Training Institute

The Office of Special Education in partnership with Vocational Rehabilitation, the Department of Mental Health, Division of Workforce Development and Missouri Centers for Independent Living are offering the 2015 Missouri Transition Training Institute (TTI). The title of the Institute is, “NAVIGATING LIFE’S SUPERHIGHWAY: FORMING CROSS AGENCY PARTNERSHIPS AT THE LOCAL

LEVEL” The Institute will be June 16-18, 2015 at the Lodge of the Four Seasons in Osage Beach, Missouri.

For more information visit,

<http://dese.mo.gov/special-education/effective-practices/statewide-training-opportunities>

If you have further questions contact John Stains at (573) 751-0225 or john.stains@dese.mo.gov

Missouri Alternative Education Network Conference

The Missouri Alternative Education Network 2015 Conference will be held **July 19-21, 2015** at the Country Club Hotel & Spa in Lake Ozark. For more information contact maen4kids@gmail.com or go to <https://sites.google.com/site/maen4kids/>

MoACTE Summer Conference

July 20-23, 2015 in Springfield, Mo. Register at www.mo-acte.org

Gina McLachlan, MoACTE President at (573) 310-1102 gmclachlan@fulton58.org

Donna Vossen, MoACTE Executive Director at (573) 634-7366 donna@mo-acte.org

MSCA Fall Conference

Nov.8-10, 2015 – Tan-Tar-A

Interesting Insights

"High Expectations Make me Nervous"

Video with at risk students from King/Drew Magnet High School in Louisiana

<http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USED/bulletins/fcae70>

The Missing Piece to Career Readiness

An excellent three part series of short but meaningful videos. [Tim Elmore Videos](#)

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